Abstract

Objective: To report necessary general elements for the election of the residence of general surgery. Participants and methods: A qualitative questionnaire was applied to 17 residents of general surgery of Hospital Regional 1° de Octubre, ISSSTE. Results: The gamut of medical services they liked was smaller than that of medical specialties they would choose. They chose general surgery because it seemed to them effective, curative, by the procedures and contents, the social status and as academic requirement for subspecialty. Everybody had knowledge on anatomy, physiology and pathology, skills in cures, sutures and relationships with patients, and interest in surgery. Conclusions: It is necessary to preserve the status assigned to the specialty, to evaluate vocational aspects in the election of medical specialties, and to consider the knowledge and surgical abilities from the aspirings to the residence as well as their positive and negative experiences in the boarding school during the med school.

Keywords

Surgeons, residents, predegree.